

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-898

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: December 9, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: December 8, 2025

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation, waiver, and emergency passage upon introduction

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Ernest J. Smith III, to the KingSoutel Crossing Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board, replacing Russell Jackson as a citizen member that lives within one mile of the CRA boundary representing the general public, for a partial term to expire on December 31, 2026, followed by a first full term to expire on December 31, 2030. The provisions of Section 53.202 regarding residency requirements within one mile of the CRA boundary are waived. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested to permit the body to expeditiously carry out important work for the Northside community.

Background Information: Chapter 53, Part 2, *Ordinance Code*, establishes the KingSoutel Crossing Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board. Sec. 53.202, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Advisory Board shall consist of seven members, including two members representing the general public that live within one mile of the CRA boundary appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by council.

Mr. Smith is a VP at Citi Bank, a realtor, and member of the Urban Core CPAC. He resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: KingSoutel Crossing Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey